



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING June 11, 2013 Minutes

Members Present:

Howard Pizzo and Dennis Fedewa

Members Absent:

Karen Mojica

Staff Members Present:

Richard Watkins, Jen Roberts, Walt Kulasa, and Mark Graham

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

N/A

3. Set/Adjust Agenda:

Howard Pizzo suggested that the CIP, EATRAN update, and determination of whether we will hold the next meeting be added to the agenda. Dennis Fedewa agreed. Agenda was set.

4. Presentation by Walt Kulasa Regarding Method of Determining What Roads Meet Criteria for Repairs

Walt Kulasa provided the committee with an overview of how the Township rates the road system, which included the following items:

- Description of the PASER (Pavement surface evaluation and rating system), which the Township currently uses.
- Steps followed in rating the roads, and how a list is sent to Eaton County for their evaluation and price.
- Final determination made after considering the cost and how it best serves the Township.

A discussion followed the presentation, which included the process used in making a final determination, reviewing of the current road improvement list, priorities, Township resident complaints, and sharing of information to the Township Board.

5. Current & Future Neighborhood Improvement List

All agreed that this item was addressed during the Agenda Item#4 discussion.

6. Snow Removal Plan Explanation

Howard asked what the lay explanation was that should be given to the public. He would like an explanation which talks about severity of the weather, what is anticipated, what the dynamics involved in making the decisions made, how the ECRC goes about making those decisions, and how the decisions change with every storm.

Dennis stated there is a need to put an explanation in a publication, i.e., the Delta Township magazine, which will explain how snow removal is done, and to make the public aware of what to expect.

Jen Roberts to get with Blair Ballou, ECRC, and ask for a simple term written explanation of how snow removal is done.

7. List of Future Meeting Dates (2nd Tuesday of Each Month)

A discussion on summer meeting dates took place, with a decision to change the meeting days from Tuesdays to Wednesdays of each month. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, July 10th.

8. Speed Reduction & Traffic Calming Measures

Dennis asked how these things work. Richard stated that the sign the Township put out is working excellent, and is proving a lot of things. It has proven that speeds are pretty close to the speed limit.

A discussion ensued, which included obtaining data, reporting of detailed data to the neighborhoods involved, the purchase of a couple more signs, and the use of data on a complaint basis versus placing information in a newsletter.

9. Complete Streets Ordinance

Howard stated that Ken Fletcher had indicated the Township is ready for a Complete Streets Ordinance.

A discussion followed this statement with all agreeing to review copies of the State model, Lansing Townships and the City of Lansing's Complete Street Ordinances that are currently in place, making any necessary adjustments, then taking it to the Township Board at a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. Also decided, was to provide the Township Board with examples of what has already been done in the Township, i.e., the bike lanes, pedestrian crossing, sidewalks on St. Joe, Willow Highway bike lanes and sidewalks, library pathway, etc. Eaton County is to be invited to the next committee meeting to share in the beginning dialog on this subject.

10. Plan for Review of 2014 Transportation Plan

Mark Graham provided a quick overview of the different Township plans currently in place, i.e., Regional Transportation Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, Non-Motorized Plan, Parks &

Rec Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc. He also provided information on how these plans relate to each other, and how the Board and the County approve of these plans. He then suggested a dialog occur to bring the Township Board up to speed on how many plans the Township has, how they are related, the process, and what the Township Board's responsibilities are with regard to the different plans.

Jen Roberts offered to assist Mark Graham in pulling all of the above mentioned information together.

Mark then stated that the Township is in great shape, and volunteered to contact Paul Hamilton to find out the 2014 Transportation Plan timeline per Howard's request.

11. CIP:

Mark Graham provided a three page memo of what he submits to the CIP every year. He then stated that he needs to go to the CIP Committee and request \$161,000 to be used as local match funds for major road improvements. He also stated the Township has an account for repairs and maintenance, which he is recommending \$150,000 be placed in, to be used on local road resurfacing, sidewalks and pathways. Approximately \$306,000 total for transportation improvements is being requested for use in 2014 from the CIP Committee.

Howard suggested the Committee discuss with the Township Board, during the 2014 Budget Review, a possibility of increasing the amount Mark Graham is asking for to cover more road miles needed.

12. EATRAN Update:

Howard and Richard provided the Committee members with an overview of the current situation with regard to the Township, EATRAN and CATA. A discussion followed with regard to the Township's needs.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.